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RELIABLE LOCAL JOURNALIST SOURCE INFORMED EMBSSY DECEMBER 21 THAT TWO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WHO HAD GONE TO PANAMA TO OBTAIN PEOPLES TEMPLE DOCUMENTS, PRESUMABLY FROM MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN EVACUATION OF BODIES, HAD RETURNED TO GEORGETOWN. THEY INFORMED HIM THAT THEY HAD HAD SOME SUCCESS AND HAD ACQUIRED APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-TWO DOCUMENTS; THE MORE IMPORTANT OF THESE THEY HAD ASKED AN ACCUAINTANCE, DESCRIBED AS A "STARLET," TO TAKE DIRECTLY TO THE U.S. THEY OBSERVED TO OUR LOCAL SOURCE THAT THE U.S. MILITARY APPARENTLY HAD PUT A LID ON THEIR POTENTIAL CONTACTS AND THAT SEVERAL OTHER DOCUMENTS HAD APPARENTLY BEEN TURNED IN BY AMERICAN SERVICEMEN TO THEIR COMMANDS RATHER THAN RISK GIVING THEM TO THE

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